

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 31132.70/ PC877.07
Bryan et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 46333
Serial No.: 09/924,298	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: August 8, 2001	§	
	§	Examiner: Philogene, Pedro
For: IMPLANTABLE JOINT	§	
PROSTHESIS	§	Confirmation No.: 3319

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 2231-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 19 of this Response.